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OF THE
URBAN LEAGUE OF ESSEX COUNTY

William and Mary Ashby
Child Care Center

Friday, December 15, 1989

10:00 a.m.



Boys & Girls Clubs of Newark, Inc.
West Side Unit, 161 Littleton Ave.
Newark, New Jersey

WILLIAM and MARY ASHBY

The name Ashby is synonymous with service in Essex County. William M. Ashby is the founding director of the Urban League of Essex County along with the affiliate in Union County and Springfield, Ohio. Graduating from Lincoln University, PA. in 1911, and Yale University Divinity School in 1916, Mr. Ashby became the first African-American Social Worker in the State of New Jersey.

His fight for equal opportunity continued on many fronts leading him to a continued life commitment for civil rights. Without the loving support and encouragement of his wife, Mary, much of what he accomplished may not have been. A marriage of partnership and strength, they were wedded for "74 years, 1 month and 15 days" until Mrs. Ashby's untimely death in October, 1988.

The Urban League of Essex County is proud to name its expanded child care center after William and Mary Ashby. The naming of the center is a testament to their love for children and humanity. As a continuing goal to educate our children of their heritage, the Urban League Child Care center has adopted the Brookhaven Nursing Home, where Mr. Ashby resides. Several times a year the children visit the home of over 200 residents to perform Christmas Carols and other special presentations.

We are especially proud to salute William and Mary Ashby as he celebrates his 100th birthday on October 15, 1989.

We thank them for their service with this DEDICATION.

PROGRAMME

- Welcome - Cecil H. Sanders
Chairman, ULEC
Board of Directors
- Remarks - Mayor Sharpe James
City of Newark
- Congressman Donald Payne
10th Congressional
District
- Nicholas Amato
County Executive
- Barbara Wright Bell, CEO
Boys & Girls Club of
Newark, Inc.
- Performance - Urban League Children

REMARKS - WILLIAM M. ASHBY

Special Presentation to:
Senator Wynona Lipman

Acknowledgements:
Lorna K. Johnson
President & CEO - ULEC

Ribbon Cutting William M. Ashby
Cecil H. Sanders
Lorna K. Johnson
Barbara Wright Bell

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- Herbert Smith
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- John R. Smith

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